

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Original) An antibody molecule capable of specifically recognizing two regions of the β -A4 peptide/A β 4, wherein the first region comprises the amino acid sequence AEFRHDSGY as shown in SEQ ID NO: 1 or a fragment thereof and wherein the second region comprises the amino acid sequence VHHQKLVFFAEDVG as shown in SEQ ID NO: 2 or a fragment thereof.

Claim 2. (Original) The antibody molecule of claim 1, wherein said antibody molecule recognizes at least two consecutive amino acids within the two regions of β -A4.

Claim 3. (Previously presented) The antibody molecule of claim 1, wherein said antibody molecule recognizes in the first region an amino acid sequence comprising: AEFRHD, EF, EFR, FR, EFRHDSG, EFRHD or HDSG and in the second region an amino acid sequence comprising: HHQKL, LV, LVFFAE, VFFAED, VFFA or FFAEDV.

Claim 4. (Previously presented) The antibody molecule of claim 1, wherein said antibody molecule comprises a variable V_H-region as encoded by a nucleic acid molecule as shown in a SEQ ID NO selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 3, 5 and 7, or a variable V_H-region as shown in a SEQ ID NO: selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 4, 6 and 8.

Claim 5. (Previously presented) The antibody molecule of claim 1, wherein said antibody molecule comprises a variable V_L -region as encoded by a nucleic acid molecule as shown in a SEQ ID NO selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 9, 11 and 13, or a variable V_L -region as shown in a SEQ ID NO selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 10, 12 and 14.

Claim 6. (Previously presented) The antibody molecule of claim 1, wherein said antibody molecule comprises at least one CDR3 of an V_L -region as encoded by a nucleic acid molecule as shown in SEQ ID NOs: 15, 17 or 19, or at least one CDR3 amino acid sequence of an V_L -region as shown in SEQ ID NOs: 16, 18 or 20; and/or wherein said antibody molecule comprises at least one CDR3 of an V_H -region as encoded by a nucleic acid molecule as shown in SEQ ID NOs: 21, 23 or 25, or at least one CDR3 amino acid sequence of an V_H -region as shown in SEQ ID NOs: 22, 24 or 26.

Claim 7. (Previously presented) The antibody molecule of claim 1, wherein said antibody is selected from the group consisting of MSR-3, -7 and -8, and an affinity-matured version of MSR-3, -7 and -8.

Claim 8. (Previously presented) The antibody molecule of claim 1, wherein said antibody molecule is a full antibody (immunoglobulin), a F(ab)-fragment, a F(ab)₂-fragment, a single-chain antibody, a chimeric antibody, a CDR-grafted antibody, a bivalent antibody-construct, a synthetic antibody or a cross-cloned antibody.

Claim 9. (Previously presented) The antibody molecule of claim 1, wherein said two regions of β -A4 form a conformational epitope or a discontinuous epitope.

Claim 10. (Cancelled).

Claim 11. (Previously presented) A nucleic acid molecule encoding an antibody molecule according to claim 1.

Claim 12. (Original) A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim 11.

Claim 13. (Original) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 12.

Claim 14. (Previously presented) A method for the preparation of an antibody molecule comprising culturing the host cell of claim 13 under conditions that allow synthesis of said antibody molecule and recovering said antibody molecule from said culture.

Claim 15. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical or diagnostic composition comprising an antibody molecule according to claim 1 and a carrier or diluent.

Claim 16. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 15, which is a pharmaceutical composition.

Claims 17-21. (Cancelled).

Claim 22. (Previously presented) A kit comprising an antibody molecule according to claim 1, a nucleic acid molecule according to claim 16, a vector according to claim 17 or a host cell according to claim 18, wherein the antibody, nucleic acid, vector or host cell is contained in at least one vial, bottle, container or multicontainer unit.

Claims 23-27. (Cancelled).

Claim 28. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition prepared by the method of claim 27.

Claim 29. (Previously presented) A composition comprising an antibody molecule produced by the method of claim 14.

Claim 30. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 16 further comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and/or diluent.

Claims 31-40. (Cancelled).